

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ANDREW CORZO, SIA HENRY, ALEXANDER
LEO-GUERRA, MICHAEL MAERLENDER,
BRANDON PIYEVSKY, BENJAMIN SHUMATE,
BRITTANY TATIANA WEAVER, and
CAMERON WILLIAMS, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO, THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
CORNELL UNIVERSITY, TRUSTEES OF
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, DUKE UNIVERSITY,
EMORY UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN
UNIVERSITY, THE JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY, NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
DU LAC, THE TRUSTEES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, WILLIAM
MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY, VANDERBILT
UNIVERSITY, and YALE UNIVERSITY,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:22-cv-00125

Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly

**ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTLEMENT, PROVISIONALLY
CERTIFYING THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS, APPROVING THE NOTICE
PLAN, AND APPROVING THE PROCESS SCHEDULED
FOR COMPLETING THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS**

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, Plaintiffs Andrew Corzo, Sia Henry, Alexander Leo-Guerra, Michael Maerlender, Brandon Piyevesky, Benjamin Shumate, Brittany Tatiana Weaver, and Cameron Williams (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and a proposed Settlement Class (defined below), and defendant the University of Chicago (the “University”)

(Plaintiffs and the University together, the “Parties”) entered into a settlement agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions of the Parties’ proposed settlement and the release and dismissal with prejudice of the claims of the Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Settlement Class against the University (the “Settlement”);

Whereas, on August 14, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Provisional Certification of Proposed Settlement Class, Approval of Notice Plan, and Approval of the Proposed Schedule for Completing the Settlement Process, requesting the entry of an Order (the “Motion”): (i) granting preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement; (ii) finding that the standards for certifying the proposed Settlement Class under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 for purposes of Settlement and judgment are likely satisfied; (iii) appointing Andrew Corzo, Sia Henry, Alexander Leo-Guerra, Michael Maerlender, Brandon Piyevsky, Benjamin Shumate, Brittany Tatiana Weaver, and Cameron Williams as representatives of the Settlement Class (“Class Representatives”); (iv) appointing Freedman Normand Friedland LLP, Gilbert Litigators & Counselors PC, and Berger Montague PC as Settlement Class Counsel under Fed R. Civ. P. 23(g); (v) approving the proposed notice plan and authorizing dissemination of notice to the Settlement Class; (vi) appointing Angeion Group as Settlement Claims Administrator; (vii) appointing The Huntington National Bank (“Huntington Bank”) as Escrow Agent; and (viii) approving the proposed Settlement schedule, including setting a date for a final Fairness Hearing;

WHEREAS, the Court ordered that any oppositions to the Motion would be due on August 21, 2023 and no oppositions were filed;

WHEREAS, the Court held a hearing on the Plaintiffs’ Motion on August 24, 2023;

WHEREAS, the University supports Plaintiffs’ Motion; and

WHEREAS, the Court is familiar with and has reviewed the record in this case and the Settlement, and has found good cause for entering the following Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order as it has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the University and Plaintiffs, including all members of the Settlement Class (defined below).

Settlement Class

2. Pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court preliminarily finds that the Court will likely find that the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3) have been satisfied for settlement and judgment purposes only. As to the requirements of Rule 23(a) for settlement purposes only, (i) the Settlement Class provisionally certified herein likely exceeds 100,000 individuals, and joinder of all would be impracticable; (ii) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (iii) Class Representatives' claims are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent for purposes of settlement; (iv) Class Representatives are adequate representatives of the Settlement Class. As to the requirements of Rule 23(b)(3) for settlement purposes only, questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual Settlement Class Member, and a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class is superior to other available means of settling and disposing of this dispute.

3. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court provisionally certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement, the following "Settlement Class":

All U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have during the Class Period (a) enrolled in one or more of Defendants’¹ full-time undergraduate programs, and (b) received at least some need-based financial aid from one or more Defendants, and (c) directly purchased from one or more Defendants tuition, fees, room, or board that was not fully covered by the combination of any types of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) in any undergraduate year.² The Class Period is defined as follows:

- For Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, MIT, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Penn, Rice, Vanderbilt, Yale—from 2003 through the date of this Order.
- For Brown, Dartmouth, Emory—from 2004 through the date of this Order.
- For Caltech—from 2019 through the date of this Order.
- For Johns Hopkins—from 2021 through the date of this Order.

Excluded from the Class are:

- Any Officers and or Trustees of Defendants, or any current or former employees holding any of the following positions: Assistant or Associate Vice Presidents or Vice Provosts, Executive Directors, or Directors of Defendants’ Financial Aid and Admissions offices, or any Deans or Vice Deans, or any employees in Defendants in-house legal offices; and
- the Judge presiding over this Action, his or her law clerks, spouse, and any person within the third degree of relationship living in the Judge’s household and the spouse of such a person.

¹ Defendants are Brown University (“Brown”), California Institute of Technology (“Caltech”); University of Chicago (“Chicago”); The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York (“Columbia”); Cornell University (“Cornell”), Trustees of Dartmouth College (“Dartmouth”), Duke University (“Duke”), Emory University (“Emory”), Georgetown University (“Georgetown”), The Johns Hopkins University (“Johns Hopkins”), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (“MIT”), Northwestern University (“Northwestern”), University of Notre Dame du Lac (“Notre Dame”), The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania (“Penn”), William Marsh Rice University (“Rice”), Vanderbilt University (“Vanderbilt”), and Yale University (“Yale”) (together “Defendant Universities”).

² For avoidance of doubt, the Class does not include purchasers for whom the total cost they were charged by the Defendant or Defendants whose institution(s) they attended, including tuition, fees, room, or board for each undergraduate academic year, was covered by any form of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) from one or more Defendants.

4. For settlement purposes only, the Court hereby appoints plaintiffs Andrew Corzo, Sia Henry, Alexander Leo-Guerra, Michael Maerlender, Brandon Piyevesky, Benjamin Shumate, Brittany Tatiana Weaver, and Cameron Williams as Class Representatives.

Preliminary Approval of Settlement

5. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1)(B), based on “the parties’ showing that the court will likely be able to (i) approve the proposal[s] under Rule 23(e)(2); and (ii) certify the class for purposes of judgment on the proposal[s],” the Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Settlement Agreement.

6. Upon review of the record, the Court finds the Settlement was entered into after approximately sixteen months of hard-fought litigation, extensive discovery, and arm’s length negotiations. Accordingly, the Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement meets all factors under Rule 23(e)(2) and will likely be granted final approval by the Court, subject to further consideration at the Court’s final Fairness Hearing. The Court finds that the Settlement encompassed by the Settlement Agreement is preliminarily determined to be fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class, raises no obvious reasons to doubt its fairness, and that there is a reasonable basis for presuming that the Settlement and its terms satisfy the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2) and 23(e) and due process so that notice of the Settlement should be given to members of the Settlement Class.

7. The Court has reviewed and hereby preliminarily approves the Plan of Allocation.

8. Angeion Group is hereby appointed as Settlement Claims Administrator.

9. Huntington Bank is hereby appointed as Escrow Agent pursuant to the Settlement.

10. The Court approves the establishment of the Settlement Fund under the Settlement Agreement as a qualified settlement fund (“QSF”) pursuant to Internal Revenue Code

Section 468B and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and retains continuing jurisdiction as to any issue that may arise in connection with the formation and/or administration of the QSF. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Settlement Class Counsel are authorized to withdraw funds from the QSF for the payment of the reasonable costs of notice, payment of taxes, and reasonable settlement administration costs.

11. Pending further Order of the Court, all litigation activity against the University on behalf of the Settlement Class is hereby stayed, and all hearings, deadlines, and other proceedings related to the Plaintiffs' claims against the University, other than those incident to the settlement process, are hereby taken off the Court's calendar. The stay shall remain in effect until such a time that (i) the University or Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate the Settlement pursuant to its terms; (ii) the Settlement is terminated pursuant to its terms; or (iii) the Court renders a final decision regarding approval of the Settlement, and if it approves the Settlement, enters final judgment and dismisses Plaintiffs claims against the University with prejudice.

12. In the event that the Settlement fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, or if an Order granting final approval to the Settlement and dismissing Plaintiffs' claims against the University with prejudice is not entered or is reversed, vacated, or materially modified on appeal, this Order shall be null and void.

13. In the event the Settlement is terminated, not approved by the Court, or the Settlement does not become final pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, litigation against Defendants shall resume in a reasonable manner as approved by the Court upon joint application of the Plaintiffs and the University.

Approval of Notice Plan

14. The Court approves, in form and substance, the long-form notice (Exhibit A hereto) and summary publication/email notice (Exhibit B hereto). The Court also approves the settlement website as described in the Declaration of Steven Weisbrot of Angeion Group. The class notice plan specified by Plaintiffs and supported by the Declaration of Steven Weisbrot: (i) is the best notice practicable; (ii) is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency and status of this Action and of their right to participate in, object to, or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement; (iii) is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice of the Fairness Hearing; and (iv) fully satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1), and constitutes due process, and is a reasonable manner of distributing notice to Settlement Class members who would be bound by the Settlement.

15. Angeion may modify the form and/or content of the targeted advertisements and banner notices as it deems necessary and appropriate to maximize their impact and reach, as long as those modifications substantially comport with the forms of notice submitted to the Court after the preliminary approval hearing, and are approved by the Parties.

16. Defendants shall provide notice of the Settlement as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

Email and Mailing Addresses for Notice

17. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 99.37(a), the Court finds that mailing addresses and email addresses in education records of current students of a Defendant constitute “directory information” and may be disclosed, without consent, to the Settlement Claims Administrator for purposes of providing class notice in this litigation if (a) the Defendant has previously provided

public notice that the mailing addresses and email addresses are considered “directory information” that may be disclosed to third parties including public notice of how students may restrict the disclosure of such information, and (b) the student has not exercised a right to block disclosure of mailing addresses or email addresses (“FERPA Block”). Defendants shall not disclose from education records mailing addresses or email addresses subject to a FERPA Block.

18. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 99.37(b), the Court further finds that mailing addresses and email addresses in education records of former students of a Defendant constitute “directory information” and may be disclosed, without consent, to the Settlement Claims Administrator for purposes of providing class notice in this litigation, provided that each Defendant continues to honor any valid and un-rescinded FERPA Block.

Approval of Schedule

19. Angeion Group and the Parties shall adhere to the following schedule:

a. No later than 90 days after the date of this Order, Angeion Group shall begin the process of providing notice to the Settlement Class, in accordance with the Plan of Notice.

b. No later than 135 days after the date of this Order, Settlement Class Counsel shall file a motion for attorneys’ fees, unreimbursed litigation costs and expenses, and/or service awards for the Class Representatives, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

c. By no later than 150 days after the date of this Order, Settlement Class Members may request exclusion from the Class or submit any objection to the proposed Settlement or to the proposed allocation plan summarized in the notice, or to Settlement Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees, unreimbursed litigation costs and expenses, and/or service awards to the Class Representatives. All objections must be in writing and filed with the Court, with copies sent to the Claims Administrator, and include the following information: (1) the name of the case

(*Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125); (2) the individual's name and address and if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of counsel; (3) proof of membership (such as, for instance, evidence of an accepted financial aid award from a Defendant University), indicating that the individual is a member of the Settlement Class; (4) a statement detailing all objections to the Settlement; and (5) a statement of whether the individual will appear at the Fairness Hearing, either with or without counsel. All requests for exclusion from the Class must be in writing, mailed to the Claims Administrator, and include the following information: (1) the name of the case (*Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125); (2) the individual's name and address and if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of counsel; (3) proof of membership (such as, for instance, evidence of an accepted financial aid award from a Defendant University); (4) a statement indicating that the individual is a member of the proposed Settlement Class and wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class; and (5) an individual signature by the Settlement Class member.

d. No later than 165 days after the date of this Order, Settlement Class Counsel shall file all briefs and materials in support of final approval of the Settlement.

e. A hearing on final approval of the Settlement shall be held before this Court telephonically on March 7, 2024, at 9:00 AM, using call-in number 888-684-8852, access code 746-1053. The Fairness Hearing shall take place at least 120 days after the Court's entry of this Order.

Dated: September 9, 2023

SO ORDERED


Matthew F. Kennelly

EXHIBIT A

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Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly

Notice of Class Action Settlement

Authorized by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

**A settlement of \$13.5 million will provide payments to students who
received need-based financial aid to cover some but not all costs
(tuition, fees, room, and board) attend Brown University, California
Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Columbia
University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke**

University, Emory University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, Vanderbilt University, or Yale University.

A federal court directed this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- The Court has preliminarily approved a proposed settlement (“Settlement”) between the University of Chicago and a class of students who attended Brown University, California Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, Vanderbilt University, and Yale Universities (“Universities” or “Defendants” or “Defendant Universities”) during certain time periods. As part of the Settlement, the University of Chicago has agreed to make a settlement payment of \$13,500,000 and to provide certain additional information to plaintiffs in this antitrust class action lawsuit called *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, 1:22-cv-00125, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (“Action”).
- This Action was brought by certain students who attended Defendant Universities, while receiving partial need-based financial aid. The Action alleges that the Universities conspired in violation of the federal antitrust laws regarding principles, formulas, and methods of determining financial aid. The Action also alleges that as a result, the Universities provided less financial aid than they would have provided had there been full and fair competition. The Universities have alleged that Plaintiffs’ claims lack merit; that the Universities’ financial aid policies were legal and pro-competitive, and financial aid awards were not artificially reduced; that the Universities have valid defenses to Plaintiffs’ allegations; and that Plaintiffs’ claims would have been rejected prior to trial, at trial, or on appeal.
- The Settlement is for the benefit of a “Settlement Class,” which is composed of the following persons:

All U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have during the Class Period (a) enrolled in one or more of Defendants’ full-time undergraduate programs, and (b) received at least some need-based financial aid from one or more Defendants, and (c) directly purchased from one or more Defendants tuition, fees, room, or board that was not fully covered by the combination of any types of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) from one or more Defendants in any

undergraduate year.³ The Class Period is defined as follows:

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The time periods for attendance are collectively called the “Settlement Class Period.”

Excluded from the Class are:

- Any Officers and/or Trustees of Defendants, or any current or former employees holding any of the following positions: Assistant or Associate Vice Presidents or Vice Provosts, Executive Directors, or Directors of Defendants’ Financial Aid and Admissions offices, or any Deans or Vice Deans, or any employees in Defendants’ in-house legal offices; and
- the Judge presiding over this Action, his or her law clerks, spouse, and any person within the third degree of relationship living in the Judge’s household and the spouse of such a person are also excluded from the Settlement Class.

The Court has approved as lawyers for the Settlement Class (“Settlement Class Counsel”) the following:

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³ For avoidance of doubt, the Class does not include purchasers for whom the total cost they were charged by the Defendant or Defendants whose institution(s) they attended, including tuition, fees, room, or board for each undergraduate academic year, was covered by any form of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) from one or more Defendants.

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BERGER MONTAGUE PC
1818 Market Street, Suite 3600
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Telephone: (215) 875-3000

- The Settlement offers cash payments to members of the Settlement Class who submit valid and timely claim forms later in the process. Payments for claims will vary depending on a number of factors as set forth below. Assuming that about half of the estimated 200,000 Class members submit timely claims (at a later date), and that the Court awards the attorneys' fees and costs as requested, the average claimant will receive about \$60 from this Settlement.
- This Notice has important information. It explains the Settlement and the rights and options of members of the Settlement Class in this class action lawsuit.
- For the full terms of the Settlement, you should look at the Settlement Agreement available at www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com.
- Please check www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com for any updates relating to the Settlement or the Settlement approval process.

LEGAL RIGHTS and OPTIONS

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your legal rights and options are described in this section. You may:

Exclude Yourself: You may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. This is the only way you can preserve any right you have to be part of another potential lawsuit that you or others might bring in the future seeking money for claims arising out of the facts alleged in this Action. If you timely request exclusion (“opt out”), you will no longer be part of the Settlement Class, and you will *not* be able to get any money from this Settlement. If you would like to opt out, you must mail your exclusion request by [DD, MM, 2023]. *See* Question 12 for more information on requesting an exclusion.

Object: If you do not agree with any part of this Settlement, or you do not agree with the requested award of attorneys’ fees, expenses, and/or service awards for the representative Plaintiffs you may:

- Write to the Court to explain why (*see* Question 16 for more information on filing an objection), and
- Ask to speak at the Court hearing about either the fairness of this Settlement or about the requested attorneys’ fees, expenses, or service awards. (*See* Question 22).

Do Nothing: To remain in the Settlement Class, ***you need do nothing now***. However, at a later time, if the Settlement is approved, in order to receive money from the lawsuit, you will need to file a claim form. *See* Question 23 for more information.

File a Claim: This is the only way to get money from the Settlement. You must file a timely and valid claim ***at a later point in the process***. *See* Question 9 for more information.

Deadlines: *See* Questions 12 and 16 for more information about rights and options and all deadlines.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Purpose of this Notice?

This notice explains the proposed Settlement in a class action lawsuit called *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125, and the legal rights and options of the members of the Settlement Class to participate in it, or not, before the Court decides whether to give final approval to the Settlement. This notice explains the Action, the proposed Settlement, your legal rights, the benefits available, eligibility for those benefits, and how to get them. The Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is overseeing this Action.

The persons or entities who started this case are called the “Plaintiffs.” The Plaintiffs are Andrew Corzo, Sia Henry, Alexander Leo-Guerra, Michael Maerlender, Brandon Piyeovsky, Benjamin Shumate, Brittany Tatiana Weaver, and Cameron Williams.

The Court has preliminarily certified the Settlement Class. The Court has also approved Andrew Corzo, Sia Henry, Alexander Leo-Guerra, Michael Maerlender, Brandon Piyeovsky, Benjamin Shumate, Brittany Tatiana Weaver, and Cameron Williams to act as Settlement Class Representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement only.

The universities Plaintiffs sued in this Action are the “Defendants.” Defendants are Brown University, California Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, Cornell University, Trustees of Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame du Lac, Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, William Marsh Rice University, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University. **Although this Settlement resolves claims against only the University of Chicago, Settlement Class members who attended any of the Defendant Universities may be eligible to file a claim.**

2. What is this lawsuit about?

Generally, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants engaged in an anticompetitive conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspired to fix or otherwise limit the amount of financial aid students received, and thereby to artificially inflate the net prices that Class members paid to attend the Universities during certain time periods. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspired through an organization called the 568 Presidents Group, of which all of the Defendants were members during some or all of the time period. Members of the 568 Presidents Group allegedly shared sensitive information regarding financial aid and financial aid principles as well as to create and implement common principles used in calculating students’ “financial need” that, Plaintiffs say, all schools participating in the alleged conspiracy agreed to adopt. Absent participation in this alleged conspiracy, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants would have competed with each other to award more financial aid. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants’ participation in the alleged conspiracy artificially reduced the amount of financial aid Class member students received.

Defendants, including the University of Chicago, deny each and every one of Plaintiffs' allegations of unlawful or wrongful conduct by the University, deny that any conduct of the University challenged by Plaintiffs caused any damage whatsoever, and deny all liability of any kind. Defendants have asserted that the Universities' financial aid policies were legal and pro-competitive and financial aid awards were not artificially reduced, that the Universities have valid defenses to Plaintiffs' allegations, and that Plaintiffs' claims would have been rejected prior to trial, at trial or on appeal.

You may obtain more information regarding the specific allegations of the Action by reviewing the Second Amended Complaint, which is available at www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com.

3. Why is this lawsuit a class action?

In a class action, people or businesses sue not only for themselves but also on behalf of other people or businesses with similar legal claims and interests. Together all people or businesses with similar claims and interests form a specifically defined class and are class members. For purposes of this Settlement, the Court has certified the Settlement Class (discussed above and further in Question 5). This means that if the Court approves this Settlement, it is applicable to all members of the Settlement Class (except those who follow the appropriate process to exclude themselves).

4. Why is there a Settlement?

Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel believe that the members of the Settlement Class have been damaged by Defendants' conduct, as described in the Amended Complaint. Defendants believe that Plaintiffs' claims lack merit and would have been rejected prior to trial, at trial, or on appeal. The Court has not decided which side was right or wrong or if any laws were violated. Instead, Plaintiffs and the University of Chicago agreed to settle the case and avoid the delays, costs, and risk of trial and appeals that would follow a trial.

This Settlement is the product of extensive arm's length negotiations, between experienced counsel. Settling this case allows members of the Settlement Class to receive cash payments (*see* Question 6 below). In addition, under the Settlement, the University of Chicago has agreed to cooperate with Plaintiffs by providing Plaintiffs with access to certain additional information as detailed in the Settlement Agreement.

Plaintiffs and the University of Chicago agreed to settle this case after more than a year of extensive litigation and discovery. As part of discovery, Plaintiffs have reviewed and analyzed tens of thousands of pages of documents turned over by the Defendants in the litigation.

The Settlement allows members of the Settlement Class who submit valid and timely claims to receive some compensation, rather than risk ultimately receiving nothing. The Settlement also allows Plaintiffs to obtain information that could assist them in prosecuting the case against the remaining Defendants with whom Plaintiffs have not settled. Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel believe the Settlement is in the best interests of all members of the Settlement Class.

If the Settlement is approved, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class will dismiss and release their claims against the University of Chicago.

5. Am I part of this Settlement?

In the Court's Preliminary Approval Order of [DD, MM, 2023], the Court defined the Settlement Class as follows:

All U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have during the Class Period (a) enrolled in one or more of Defendants' full-time undergraduate programs, and (b) received at least some need-based financial aid from one or more Defendants, and (c) directly purchased from one or more Defendants tuition, fees, room, or board that was not fully covered by the combination of any types of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) from one or more Defendants in any undergraduate year.⁴ The Class Period is defined as follows:

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- the Judge presiding over this Action, his or her law clerks, spouse, and any person within the third degree of relationship living in the Judge's household and the spouse of such a person are also excluded from the Settlement Class.

If you are not sure whether you are part of the Settlement Class, contact the Claims Administrator at:

Call the toll-free number, [NUMBER].

Visit: www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com

Write to: University of Chicago Settlement, c/o Claims Administrator, 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Email: Info@FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com

SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

6. What does this Settlement provide?

The University of Chicago has agreed to provide \$13,500,000 in cash for the benefit of the Settlement Class as part of a Settlement Fund.

Every member of the Settlement Class who (a) does not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class by the deadline described below, and (b) files a valid and timely claim during a process that will occur later will be paid from the monies from the Settlement Fund. The money in this Settlement Fund will be also used to pay:

- The cost of settlement administration and notice, and applicable taxes on the Settlement Fund, and any other related tax expenses, as approved by the Court,
- Money awards for the Settlement Class Representatives for their service on behalf of the Settlement Class, as approved by the Court, and
- Attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses for Settlement Class Counsel, as approved by the Court (*see* Question 19 below for more information relating to attorneys' fees and other costs).

The money in this Settlement Fund less the three categories of costs described just above is the Net Settlement Fund. The Net Settlement Fund will only be distributed to members of the Settlement Class if the Court finally approves the Settlement and the plan for allocating the monies in the Settlement Fund to members of the Settlement Class.

In addition, under the Settlement, the University of Chicago has agreed to cooperate with and provide certain additional information to Plaintiffs as detailed in the Settlement Agreement.

7. How do I ask for money from this Settlement?

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you must submit a valid and timely claim to get money from the Settlement Fund during a process that will begin several months from now. If the Court finally approves the Settlement, as part of the Court approved distribution and allocation process, the Claims Administrator will distribute to all Settlement Class members, who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and for which there are valid addresses, a Claim Form to complete. Members of the Settlement Class may also contact the Claims Administrator or visit the Settlement Website if they do not receive a Claim Form. The Claim Form will include the deadline for timely submission and instructions on how to submit or approve the Claim Form. Those Settlement Class Members who submit Claim Forms are called Claimants. The Court will approve the plan of allocating the Net Settlement Fund amongst the Claimants, and will set the schedule for that process, at the time that it decides whether or not to approve the Settlement.

8. How much money will I get?

At this time, it is not known precisely how much each member of the Settlement Class will receive from the Net Settlement Fund or when payments will be made. The amount of your payment, if any, will be determined by the Plan of Allocation to be approved by the Court. The proposed Plan of Allocation can be summarized as follows:

First, the Claims Administrator would determine, for each Claimant, the number of years (or fractions thereof) that the Claimant paid a Defendant University for cost of attendance during the Settlement Class Period. The Claims Administrator, on a Claimant-by-Claimant basis, would then assign to each Claimant the average annual Net Price charged by that University for each year the Claimant attended (or fraction thereof) based on publicly available aggregated pricing data. The Net Price shall be defined for these purposes as the average price for tuition, room, and board less the average amount of financial aid (not including loans). The Net Prices assigned for each Claimant would be adjusted for fractions of years, where a student may not have attended for an entire school year. The Claims Administrator would then sum the average Net Prices over all the years for each Claimant, up to a maximum of four full academic years per Claimant. That sum would be the numerator of each Claimant's *pro rata* allocation computation.

Second, the Claims Administrator would add together all of the numerators for all Claimants, and that sum would serve as the denominator.

Third, the Claims Administrator would divide the numerator from the first step for each Claimant by the denominator from the second step. That fraction would be the *pro rata* share for each Claimant.

Fourth, and finally, to compute the total allocated sum for each Claimant, the Claims Administrator would multiply the fraction from the third step for each Claimant by the Net Settlement Fund, generating the dollar value of each Claimant's total allocation from the Net Settlement Fund.

The Claims Administrator will make decisions regarding claim submissions, including regarding their validity and amounts, with input from Settlement Class Counsel and Settlement Class Counsel's consulting economic expert.

The complete proposed Plan of Allocation is available on the Settlement website, www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com.

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

9. **How do I file a claim?**

If the Court approves the Settlement (*see* "The Court's Fairness Hearing" below), the Court will at that time approve a Claim Form and set a deadline for members of the Settlement Class to submit or approve claims. At that time, to receive a payment, you must submit or approve a Claim Form. The Claim Form for Settlement Class members will be posted on the Settlement website and available by calling the toll-free number [NUMBER]. Members of the Settlement Class will be able to submit or approve claims electronically using the Settlement website or by email or through first class mail. A Claim Form will also be mailed to members of the Settlement Class for which the Claims Administrator has valid and current addresses.

10. **Who decides the value of my claim?**

After receiving your timely-submitted Claim Form, the Court-appointed Claims Administrator, will make decisions about the value and validity of claims with input from Settlement Class Counsel and Settlement Class Counsel's consulting economic expert.

For the Claimants, the Claims Administrator will use publicly available average annual price of tuition, fees, room, and board minus institutional grants ("Net Price") charged by Defendants for each applicable academic year to estimate each Claimant's Net Price, and thus (using the method set forth above) determine each Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund.

Some companies may offer to help you file your Claim Form in exchange for a portion of your recovery from the Settlement. While you may choose to use such companies, you should know that you can file with the Claims Administrator on your own, free of charge. Additionally, you are entitled to contact the Claims Administrator or Settlement Class Counsel for assistance with understanding and filing your Claim Form—again, at no cost to you.

11. **Am I giving anything up by filing a claim or not filing a claim?**

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not exclude yourself, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit seeking recovery for the claims asserted in the Action against the University of Chicago or Releasees (defined below), even if you do not file a Claim Form. More specifically, staying in the Settlement Class means you have agreed to be bound by the Settlement Agreement and its terms including the release of claims contained therein. The Settlement Agreement is available on the Settlement website, www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com. The claims released in the Settlement are described below.

Specifically, the Settlement Agreement provides that the Releasees shall be completely released, acquitted, and forever discharged from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, causes of action, damages, and liabilities, of any nature whatsoever, including costs, expenses, penalties and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity, that Plaintiffs ever had, now have, or hereafter can, shall or may have, directly, representatively, derivatively, as assignees or in any other capacity, to the extent arising out of or relating to a common nucleus of operative facts with those alleged in the Complaint that Plaintiffs have asserted or could have asserted in the Action. For avoidance of doubt, claims between Class Members and the University arising in the ordinary course and not relating to or arising from the facts alleged in the Complaint or any claims with a common nucleus of operative facts as those alleged in the Complaint, will not be released. The claims described as being released in this paragraph are referred to herein as the "Released Claims."

In addition, each Releasor (defined below) hereby expressly waives and releases, upon the Effective Date, any and all provisions, rights, and/or benefits conferred by Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

Section 1542. Release. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party;

or by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, notwithstanding that the release in Paragraph 13 of the Settlement Agreement is not a general release and is of claims against Releasees only. Each Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which he, she, or it knows or believes to be true with respect to the claims that are the subject matter of Paragraph 13. Nonetheless, upon the Effective Date (defined below), each Releasor hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles and releases any known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent claim that is the subject matter of Paragraph 13, whether or not concealed or hidden, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Each Releasor also hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases, and discharges any and all claims it may have against the Releasees under § 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code or any similar comparable or equivalent provision of the law of any other state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, which claims are expressly incorporated into the definition of the Released Claims.

"Effective Date" means the date on which all of the following have occurred: (i) the Settlement is not terminated pursuant to Paragraphs 15 or 16 of the Settlement Agreement; (ii) the Settlement is approved by the Court as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e); (iii) the Court enters a final approval order; and (iv) the period to appeal the final approval order has expired and/or all appeals have been finally resolved.

“Releasees” means the University, the Board of Trustees of the University, individually or collectively, and all of their present, future and former parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations and entities, the predecessors and successors in interest of any of them, and each of the foregoing’s respective present, former and future officers, directors, trustees, affiliates, employees, faculty members, students, agents, representatives, volunteers, attorneys, outside counsel, predecessors, successors, and assigns.

“Releasers” means all Plaintiffs and Class Members, and those Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ agents, attorneys, representatives (and as applicable each of their past, present, and future agents, attorneys, representatives, and all persons or entities that made payments to the University or other Defendants on behalf of Plaintiffs and Class Members), the predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and representatives of each of the foregoing.

The Scope and Effect of the Release: Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Releasers hereby release and forever discharge, and covenant not to sue the Releasees only, with respect to, in connection with, or relating to any and all of the Released Claims.

12. How do I exclude myself from the Settlement Class?

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, do not want to remain in the Settlement Class, and do not want a payment from the Settlement, then you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement. This is sometimes referred to as “opting out” of a class. The Court will exclude from the Settlement all members of the Settlement Class who submit valid and timely requests for exclusion.

If you exclude yourself, you will *not* be able to receive any payments from this Settlement. However, this is the only way you will retain your rights to sue the University of Chicago and the Releasees on your own based on the claims asserted in this Action.

You can exclude yourself by sending a written “Request for Exclusion” to the Claims Administrator. To be valid, your Request for Exclusion must be received by the Claims Administrator no later than MM/DD/2023 to:

Claims Administrator

University of Chicago Settlement
Attn: Exclusion Request
P.O. Box 58220
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Your Request for Exclusion must: (i) be in writing by mail (you cannot exclude yourself by telephone or email); (ii) be signed by the person or entity holding the claim or by his, her or its authorized representative; (iii) state the full name, address, and phone number of the University you attended; (iv) include proof of membership in the Settlement Class; and (vi) include a signed statement that “I/we hereby request I/we be excluded from the University of Chicago Settlement in *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125.”

13. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue the University of Chicago and the other Releasees for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the University of Chicago and the Releasees for the claims that the Settlement resolves if you qualify for membership in the Settlement Class. If you decide to exclude yourself, your decision will apply only to the University of Chicago and the other Releasees.

14. If I exclude myself from the Settlement Class, can I get money from the Settlement?

No. You will not get any money from the Settlement if you exclude yourself.

15. If I exclude myself from the Settlement, can I still object?

No. If you exclude yourself, you are no longer a member of the Settlement Class and may not object to any aspect of the Settlement.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

16. How do I tell the Court if I don't like any aspect of the Settlement?

If you are a member of the Settlement Class (and don't exclude yourself from that class), you can object to any part of the Settlement, the summary of the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses and/or the service awards request.

To object, you must timely submit a letter that includes the following: (1) the name of the case (*Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125); (2) your name and address and if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of your counsel; (3) proof that you are a member of the Settlement Class; (4) a statement detailing your objections to the Settlement with specificity and including your legal and factual bases for each objection; and (5) a statement of whether you intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing, either with or without counsel, and if with counsel, the name of your counsel who will attend.

You cannot make an objection by telephone or email. You must do so in writing and file your objection with the Clerk of Court and mail your objection to the following address postmarked by [MM/DD/2023].

Court

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Clerk of Court
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

You must also send a copy of your Statement of Objections to the Claims Administrator at the following address:

Claims Administrator

University of Chicago Settlement
Attn: Objections
P.O. Box 58220
Philadelphia, PA 19102

If you don't timely and validly submit your objection, your view will not be considered by the Court or any court on appeal.

17. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object to the Settlement only if you don't exclude yourself from the Settlement Class. Objecting does not change your ability to claim money from the Net Settlement Fund if the Court approves the Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object because the Settlement no longer affects your rights, and you cannot claim money from the Net Settlement Fund.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

18. Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

The Court has appointed the lawyers listed below to represent you. These lawyers are called Settlement Class Counsel. Other lawyers have also worked with Settlement Class Counsel to represent you in this case. Because you are a Settlement Class member, you do not have to pay any of these lawyers. They will be paid from the Settlement Fund upon making an application to the Court.

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If you have any questions about the notice or the Action, you can contact the above-listed Settlement Class Counsel.

Should I hire my own lawyer?

You do not have to hire your own lawyer. But you can if you want to, at your own cost.

If you hire your own lawyer to appear in this case, you must tell the Court and send a copy of your notice to Settlement Class Counsel at any of the addresses above.

19. How will the lawyers for the Plaintiffs and Settlement Class be paid?

To date, Settlement Class Counsel have not been paid any attorneys' fees or reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs or expenses that Settlement Class Counsel expended to litigate this case. Any attorneys' fees and costs and expenses will be awarded only as approved by the Court in amounts determined to be fair and reasonable. By [MM/DD/2023], Settlement Class Counsel will move for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed 1/3 of the Settlement Fund, plus any accrued interest, reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses not to exceed \$3,500,000, and service awards of up to \$5,000 for each of the eight Settlement Class Representatives to be paid out of the Settlement Fund. If the Court grants Settlement Class Counsel's requests, these amounts would be deducted from the Settlement Fund. You will not have to pay these fees, expenses, and costs out of your own pocket.

Any motions in support of the above requests will be available on the Settlement Website after they are filed on MM/DD/2023. After that time, if you wish to review the motion papers, you may do so by viewing them at www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com.

The Court will consider the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses, service awards at or after the Fairness Hearing.

THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve this Settlement, including the attorneys' fees and costs motion and the Plan of Allocation?

There will be a Fairness Hearing at [TIME] on [MONTH, DAY, YEAR (on a date to be determined by the Court)]. The hearing will take place at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 2103, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604.

Important! The time and date of the Fairness Hearing may change without additional mailed or published notice. For updated information on the hearing, visit: www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com.

At the Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable and should be approved. The Court will also decide whether it should give its final approval of the Plaintiffs' requests for attorneys' fees and expenses, service awards to the Settlement Class Representatives, and other costs. The Court will consider any objections and listen to members of the Settlement Class who have asked to speak at the Fairness Hearing.

21. Do I have to come to the Fairness Hearing to get my money?

No. You do not have to go to the Fairness Hearing, even if you sent the Court an objection. But you can go to the hearing or hire a lawyer to go to the Fairness Hearing if you want to, at your own expense.

22. What if I want to speak at the Fairness Hearing?

You must file a Notice of Intention to Appear with the Court at this address:

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Clerk of Court
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be filed by [MM/DD/2023]. You must also mail a copy of your letter to Settlement Class Counsel at the addresses listed in the answer to question 18 and to Counsel for the University of Chicago at James L. Cooper, Arnold & Porter 601 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be signed and: (i) state the name, address, and phone number of the University you attended and if applicable, the name, address, and telephone number of your attorney (who must file a Notice of Appearance with the Court); and (ii) state that you (or if applicable, your lawyer) intends to appear at the Fairness Hearing for the Settlement in *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00125.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

23. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, and if you fit the Settlement Class description, you will be automatically a member of the Settlement Class. However, if you do not timely file a Claim Form at the appropriate time later in the process, you will not receive any payment from the Settlement. You will be bound by past and future rulings, including rulings on the Settlement, Released Claims, and Releasees.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

24. How do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the Action, the terms of the Settlement, and your rights and options in connection with the Settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement, which are available for your review at www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com. The Settlement Website also has the Second Amended Complaint and other documents relating to the Settlement. You may also call toll-free [NUMBER] or write the Claims Administrator at: University of Chicago Settlement, c/o Claims Administrator, 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

EXHIBIT B

To: Settlement Class Member Email Address
From: Claims Administrator
Subject: Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement – *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*

Notice ID: <<Notice ID>>

Confirmation Code: <<Confirmation Code>>

Notice of Class Action Settlement
Authorized by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

A settlement of \$13.5 million will provide payments to students who received need-based financial aid that covered some but not all costs (tuition, fees, room & board) to attend Brown University, California Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, Vanderbilt University, or Yale University (the “Defendant Universities” or “Defendants”).

A federal court directed this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

This Notice is only a summary.

Please visit www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com for more information.

- The Court has preliminarily approved a proposed settlement (“Settlement”) between the University of Chicago and a class of students who attended one or more of the Defendant Universities during certain time periods (“Plaintiffs”). As part of the Settlement, the University of Chicago has agreed to make a settlement payment of \$13,500,000 and to provide certain additional information to plaintiffs in this antitrust class action lawsuit called *Henry, et al. v. Brown University, et al.*, 1:22-cv-00125, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (“Action”).
- This Action was brought by certain students who attended Defendant Universities, while receiving partial need-based financial aid. The Action alleges that the Defendant Universities violated federal antitrust laws by agreeing regarding principles, formulas, and methods of determining financial aid. The Action also alleges that as a result, the Universities provided less need-based financial aid than they would have provided had there been full and fair competition. The Defendant Universities allege that Plaintiffs’ claims lack merit; that the Universities’ financial aid policies were legal and pro-competitive, that financial aid awards were not artificially reduced.

Why am I receiving this notice?

The Court authorized this Notice because you are entitled to know about your rights under a proposed class action settlement with the Defendant Universities before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement.

The Settlement Class consists of: All U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have during the Class Period (a) enrolled in one or more of Defendants' full-time undergraduate programs, and (b) received at least some need-based financial aid from one or more Defendants, and (c) directly purchased from one or more Defendants tuition, fees, room, or board that was not fully covered by the combination of any types of financial aid or merit aid (not including loans) from one or more Defendants in any undergraduate year. The Class Period is defined as follows:

- For Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke Georgetown, MIT, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Penn, Rice, Vanderbilt, Yale—from 2003 through the date the Court enters an order preliminarily approving the Settlement.
- For Brown, Dartmouth, Emory—from 2004 through the date the Court enters an order preliminarily approving the Settlement.
- For Caltech—from 2019 through the date the Court enters an order preliminarily approving the Settlement.
- For Johns Hopkins—from 2021 through the date the Court enters an order preliminarily approving the Settlement.

What does this Settlement provide?

The University of Chicago has agreed to provide \$13,500,000 in cash for the benefit of the Settlement Class as part of a Settlement Fund if the Court finally approves the Settlement.

Every member of the Settlement Class who (a) does not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class by the deadline described below, and (b) files a valid and timely claim during a process that will occur later will be paid from the monies from the Settlement Fund. The money in this Settlement Fund will be also used to pay the following, as approved by the Court:

- The cost of settlement administration and notice, and applicable taxes on the Settlement Fund, and any other related tax expenses;
- Money awards for the Settlement Class Representatives for their service on behalf of the Settlement Class; and
- Attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses for Settlement Class Counsel.

Payments for claims will vary depending on a number of factors as set forth below. Assuming that about half of the estimated 200,000 Class members submit timely claims (at a later date), and that the Court awards the attorneys' fees and costs as requested, the average claimant will receive about \$60 from this Settlement.

In addition, under the Settlement, the University of Chicago has agreed to cooperate with and provide certain additional information to Plaintiffs as detailed in the Settlement Agreement.

How do I ask for money from this Settlement?

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you must submit a valid and timely claim to get money from the Settlement Fund during a process that will begin several months from now. If the Court finally approves the Settlement, as part of the Court approved distribution and allocation process, the Claims Administrator will distribute to all Settlement Class members, who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and for which there are valid addresses, a Claim Form to complete. Members of the Settlement Class may also contact the Claims Administrator or visit the Settlement Website if they do not receive a Claim Form. The Claim Form will include the deadline for timely submission and instructions on how to submit or approve the Claim Form.

Visit www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com for more information on how to submit a Claim Form.

What are My Other Options?

If you **Do Nothing**, you will be legally bound by the terms of the Settlement, and you will release your claims against the Releasees, including the University of Chicago. You may **Opt-Out** of or **Object** to the Settlement by Month, Day, Year. Please visit www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com for more information on how to Opt-Out of or Object to the Settlement.

Do I have a Lawyer in this Case?

Yes. The Court appointed the following law firms to represent you and other Settlement Class Members: Freedman Norman Friedland LLP, Gilbert Litigators & Counselors, PC, and Berger Montague PC. These firms are called Settlement Class Counsel. They will be paid from the Settlement Fund upon making an application to the Court.

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For more information, visit www.FinancialAidAntitrustSettlement.com or call toll-free 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX

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